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John Mastenbrook Honored by Park Authority and Community

John Mastenbrook served with distinction as a member of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board for 21 years from 1968 to 1989, including service as chairman in 1971. His lifelong efforts and dedication have made a lasting contribution to Fairfax County parks. With that in mind, at the behest of the Greenway Downs Citizen's Association and with the endorsement of Providence District Supervisor Linda Smyth, the Park Authority Board voted to change the name of Greenway Downs Park to the John Mastenbrook-Greenway Downs Park on December 13, 2006. Ceremonies marking that decision will be held this Saturday, July 7, 2007 at 10 a.m.

Mastenbrook was instrumental in acquiring, expanding and developing numerous parks and facilities. He was a pioneer in the Park Authority's conservation and environmental protection efforts and provided leadership which resulted in the development and adoption of the Fairfax County stream valley policy which preserved these important natural resources for the future. He was instrumental in the preservation of historic places and artifacts as well.

In addition to his service on the Fairfax County Park Authority Board, Mastenbrook served as a member of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority Board from 1989 to 1995.

Later, as a private citizen, he recommended that the Park Authority create a matching funds program that would enable groups and individuals to provide matching funds against bond dollars to complete projects not specifically identified in the bond program. This program was named the Mastenbrook Matching Funds Program and has enabled numerous community projects to be completed. To date, 73 projects have been approved with a total project value of \$2,498,302. The program has been well received and has helped fund a variety of projects including playgrounds, trail improvements, batting cages, greenhouses, off leash dog parks and athletic field lighting.

Greenway Downs Park is located at 2858 Woodlawn Avenue in Falls Church. For more information call the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

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